

# THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

*Regents Communication*

## ACTION REQUEST

**Adopted by the  
Regents  
May 15, 2014**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

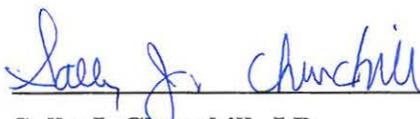
**William N. Lanen, Ph.D.**, KPMG Professor of Accounting, professor of accounting, and associate dean for global initiatives in the Stephen M. Ross School of Business, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2014.

Professor Lanen received his A.B. degree from the University of California, Berkeley in 1969, his M.S. degree from Purdue University in 1970, and his Ph.D. degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1983. He served on the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania from 1978-90. Professor Lanen joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1990, and was promoted to associate professor in 1992, and professor in 2003. He was named the KPMG Professor of Accounting in 2010.

Professor Lanen's research focused on firm decisions and cost management, performance measurement and compensation, management control systems in firms in transitional economies, and environmental accounting. He is a leading authority in the areas of analytical and empirical managerial accounting research and has published numerous articles in the top scholarly journals. He co-authored, with Shannon Anderson and Michael Maher, the classic textbook *Fundamentals of Cost Accounting* (2011). He served as the associate editor of *Management Science* and on the editorial boards of *Accounting Review* and the *Journal of Management Accounting Research*. Professor Lanen served as the area chair of accounting and as a member of the Stephen M. Ross School's Executive Committee. In 2011, he was appointed associate dean for global initiatives and has worked extensively to enrich the School's international and interdisciplinary endeavors. He was a dedicated and inspiring teacher to his countless students, many of whom have gone on to successful business and academic careers. He received the coveted, peer-nominated Victor L. Bernard Teaching Leadership Award in 1996.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **William N. Lanen KPMG Professor Emeritus of Accounting and professor emeritus of accounting.**

**Requested by:**



**Sally J. Churchill, J.D.**

**Vice President and Secretary of the University**

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